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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. 09/839,755

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For: METHOD AND DEPTH DETECTION IN

3D IMAGING PROVIDING A DEPTH MEASUREMENT FOR EACH UNITARY

**GROUP OF PIXELS** 

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended as follows:

(Amended) A method comprising:
 capturing an intensity at a location on a surface in a single pixel of an image sensing array (ISA); and

converting the intensity into a measurement of distance to the location relative to a reference point independently of data from other pixels of the ISA and independent of time of flight of light reflected from the location to the single pixel.

6. (Amended) A method comprising:

capturing an intensity at a location on a surface in an elementary group of pixels

on an image sensing array (ISA) without regard to intensity distribution within the group; and

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